



Wheeler County Board Minutes



Bartlett, Nebraska

January 31, 2012

The Wheeler County Commissioners met in regular session on this date at 9:00 a.m. Notice of the meeting was published and posted as required by law. Answering roll call were Commissioners Poulsen, Plugge, and Landgren. Also present were Clerk Snider, Co. Attorney McNally, Hwy. Supt. Payne, Sheriff Lindsay, and Treasurer Scarlett. The Clerk asked for nominations for Board Chairman for the year 2012. Plugge moved that Jack Poulsen be reappointed, seconded by Landgren. On roll call all members voted in favor. Chairman Poulsen then reappointed all county representatives to the same positions they served in 2011. Motion made by Landgren that such appointments be approved. Plugge seconded and on roll call all members voted in favor. Treasurer Scarlett requested that Cornerstone Bank and Ericson State Bank be declared depositories for funds of the county for 2012. Plugge moved that Cornerstone Bank and Ericson State Bank be approved as county fund depositories, seconded by Landgren. On roll call by Clerk, voting aye were Plugge and Landgren. Abstaining, Poulsen.

Chairman Poulsen identified the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act Poster located on the Commissioners' board on the south wall and made reference to open law literature available on the Commissioners' room table. The Clerk asked for the approval of the December 2011 proceedings and all Commissioners approved the proceedings as presented.

Fees from the various county offices were reviewed and approved for the month of December 2011. The claims were audited and approved as follows:

General Fund:

Payroll,	\$17,999.67
Aflac, insurance	230.75
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, retirement	2,615.17
Appera, services	68.73
Applied Concepts, INC, batteries	18.78
AS Central Services, AS 400 fees	313.75
Berney, Katherine, prior service	300.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	9,634.39
Bomgaars Supply INC, supplies	29.94
Burwell Tribune, publishing	218.00
Consolidated Management Company, deputy meals	250.50
Country Partners, UPS shipping	16.48
Duckwalls-Alco Stores, supplies	24.99
Eakes Office Products Center, office supplies	71.23
Ericson State Bank, payroll w/h	4,394.59
Farmers state Bank, lease program	7,254.86
GLW Extension Service, support	1,516.05
Gall's Inc, deputy uniform	794.74
Hall, Arnold, mileage, meals	44.40
Harpster, Terry, Veteran's mileage	28.86
Heiden, A. Dean, Veteran's mileage	190.92
Holt Co. Treasurer, Veteran's contract	291.66



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Hornady, sheriff ammo	119.60
J & J Sanitation, services	62.40
Jensen, Robert, witness expense	107.34
Kaczor, Larry, Veteran's mileage	8.88
Koinzan, Rick, Veteran's mileage	17.76
Lexisnexis, publication	99.00
Lindsay, Adrian, reimbursement	68.17
Loup River Scenic Byway, dues	25.00
Loup Valleys Rural Public Power Distr, services	253.65
M & M Inc, sheriff fuel	199.00
McLain, Pat, Veteran's mileage	22.20
McNally, James, Dec/Jan clerical expenses	3,077.35
Mendards, supplies	53.70
Microfilm Imaging, scanner rent	60.00
Miller, Orville, Veteran's mileage	19.98
Mips, microfilming, programming	1,030.53
National Sheriff's Association, dues	50.00
Nebraska Association of County Clerks, dues	75.00
Nebraska Association of County Treasurer, dues	75.00
Nebraska Dept. Revenue, payroll	554.77
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center,	50.00
Nebraska Sheriff Association, dues	115.00
Nichols, Lynn, reimbursement	62.81
Nordhues Family, lawn services	80.00
Northeast Nebraska Telephone, Jan/Feb service	1,245.86
Office Net, printer repair	52.87
People's Services, patrol service	57.50
Presto-X, service	42.20
Pro Printing and Graphics, tobacco license	25.00
Quill Corporation, supplies	219.89
Region III Administration, 3 rd quarter support	432.48
Region 26 Council, 3 rd quarter Assess	6,564.80
Reiter, Doug, emergency manager	100.00
Reiter, Shirley, prior service	204.00
Scarlett, Kathy, service	40.00
Smith, Rodney, court appointed attorney	651.00
Spilinek, Theodosia, prior service	36.00
Verizon Wireless, services	85.87
Village of Bartlett, services	486.99
We-Mart, sheriff fuel, supplies	399.21
Wheeler County Court, court fees	590.00
Wheeler County Treasurer, postage	53.16
Woeppel, Lorraine, prior services	120.00



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Road Fund

Payroll,	\$13,322.22
Ameritas Life Insurance Corp, retirement	1,966.34
Appeara, services	15.96
Blue Cross Blue Shield, insurance	8,865.03
Bomgaars Supply, INC., supplies	182.06
Ericson State Bank, payroll w/h	3,878.23
Ernst, Galen, prior services	60.00
Harpster, Terry, prior services	96.00
Hillbill's Diesel, repairs	167.60
Hubel Welding, iron	274.28
J & J Sanitation, services	64.89
Loup Valley Rural Public Power Dist, service	187.73
Medical enterprises, INC., drug tests	124.00
NE Child Support Payment Center, payroll w/h	287.00
Nebraska Dept. Revenue, payroll	541.75
Nebraska Machinery Co., repairs	292.28
Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co, service	206.41
People's Service, tires	675.52
PowerPlan, repairs	831.88
Saint Francis Medical Center, drug test	64.35
Sandhills Weed Management, area weed pub.	44.87
Sapp Bros, fuel	3,435.67
Sheldon, Dale, prior service	192.00
We-Mart, road fuel	750.89
Wheeler Co. Rural Fire, truck pumper fire truck,	350.00

Payne presented his monthly report, reporting that with the good weather they are able to keep up with the maintenance of the roads and also with removing some trees from the road right of way. He reported that the State Department of Roads had contacted him in regard to the resurfacing of the highway west of Ericson, and they needed the County to survey and set the section corners. He stated that the State would reimburse the County for this work. Payne also requested a hearing date for the one and six year road program. After discussion, the Board decided to hold the hearing on February 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Gayle Noble met with the Board to request approval for him to take out trees in order to make certain road improvements on a section line trail adjacent to his property. He said he would do the work at his cost since it would only benefit him to give him access to his irrigated property. Poulsen made a motion to approve such request, seconded by Landgren. On roll call by Clerk, voting aye: Poulsen, Landgren, and Plugge. Voting, nay: None.

Treasurer Scarlett met with the Board to request permission to invest the County's excess funds and transfer funds if necessary. Plugge moved to grant such authority, seconded by Landgren. On roll call by Clerk, voting aye: Plugge, Landgren, and Poulsen. Voting nay: None.



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Treasurer Scarlett informed the Board that there is a Legislative Bill to repeal the county inheritance tax and that this would impact the county funds. Poulsen introduced and moved for passage of a resolution opposing such action by the Legislature. Seconded by Plugge. On roll call by Clerk, voting aye: Poulsen, Plugge, and Landgren. Voting nay: None.

Chairman Poulsen then recessed the regular meeting at 9:24 a.m. and the Board reconvened to act as the Board of Equalization.

Snider presented the proposed permissive exemptions for charitable organizations for the Board's consideration. After reviewing such proposed exemptions, Landgren made a motion to approve them, seconded by Plugge. On roll call by Clerk, voting aye: Landgren, Plugge, and Poulsen. Voting nay: None. The organizations that requested exemption are as follows:

<u>Name of Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Use</u>
St. Theresa Parish	Religious	Place of Worship
Wheeler County Ag Society	Agricultural Society	Conduct County Fair
Pibel Bible Camp	Religious	Religious instruction/worship
Sandhills Baptist Fellowship	Religious	Place of Worship
Bartlett Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship
Our Savior Lutheran Church	Religious	Place of Worship
Ericson Lake Inc.	Educational	Recreation/education activities
Ericson United Methodist Church	Religious	Place of Worship

There being no further business to be considered by the Board of Equalization, the same was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. and Chairman Poulsen reconvened the meeting in regular session.

Snider presented the board with Resolution 01022012 regarding the engineering services agreement between Wheeler County and PB Americas, Inc. for certain engineering services for the County. Plugge made a motion to accept Resolution 01022012, seconded by Landgren. On roll call by Clerk, Voting aye: Landgren, Plugge, and Poulsen. Voting nay: None.

Sheriff Lindsay presented the board with his quarterly report. Snider presented the veterans' service quarterly report and the Board accepted the report as presented.

Snider presented a letter of resignation from Ann Kasselder as a member of the Zoning Board. Landgren moved to accept such resignation with regret, seconded by Plugge. On roll call by Clerk, voting aye: Landgren, Plugge, and Poulsen. Voting nay: None. Chairman Poulsen commented that Ann worked long and hard on the Zoning Board and on creating the Wheeler County Comprehensive Plan and should be complimented for such dedicated service to Wheeler County. The Board concurred and expressed their appreciation for her efforts.

Poulsen made a motion to amend the Personnel Policy Manual to provide that law enforcement officials are not entitled to overtime pay and are not entitled to compensatory time off, seconded by Landgren. On roll call by Clerk, voting aye: Poulsen, Landgren, and Plugge. Voting nay: None.

The resignation of the Wheeler County Zoning Administrator was discussed and Poulsen moved that the County Clerk be appointed Zoning Administrator pro tem until a permanent replacement can be found. Landgren seconded said motion and on roll call all members voted in favor.

Plugge made a motion to approve the Central Nebraska Housing claim to be reimbursed by the Village, seconded by Poulsen. On roll call by Clerk, voting aye: Plugge, Poulsen, and Landgren. Voting nay: None.



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Plugge made a motion to approve the accelerated tax correction for Prairie Land Organics as requested, seconded by Poulsen. On roll call by Clerk, voting aye: Plugge, Poulsen, and Landgren. Voting nay: None.

Landgren stated that he would be unable to attend the regular meeting in February unless it was moved to an earlier date. Motion was made and seconded that the February regular meeting be held on February 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. On roll call all members voted in favor.

Cara Snider, County Clerk

Jack Poulsen, Board Chairman